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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to telephone conversation of 5/4/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,30,31,6,34,7-10,33,11-13,18-21,23,69,22,24-29,32,36,37,66-68,71,75-77,14,16,17,72-74,38,40,83,70,78,80-82,60,63,64, and 79, which have been renumbered as claims 1-57, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 5/4/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

It has been discovered that the amendment filed 2/15/05 contained an inconsistency in that claim 43 was listed as cancelled but the remarks accompanying the amendment listed claim 43 as pending. The examiner spoke to Mr. Dockrey on 5/3/06, who confirmed that the linking of claim 43 to claims 41, 41, and 44-59 was a typographical error. To expedite prosecution, the examiner has added the examiner's amendment below, which reinserts erroneously cancelled claim 43 as new claim 83, keeping with the rule of consecutive numbering.

-- 83. The process of Claim 40, wherein sealing the food slices comprises hermetically sealing the food slices within the flexible film. --

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